Provisos. Connection of roads and trails with parkwav.

Coordination of recreational develop-ments with Forest Service.

Revocable licenses or permits for rightsof-way, etc.

plemented, are hereby extended over and made applicable to said parkway: Provided, That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized, with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Interior, to connect with said parkway such roads and trails as may be necessary for the protection, administration, or utilization of adjacent and nearby national forests and the resources thereof: And provided further, That the Forest Service and the National Park Service shall, insofar as practicable, coordinate and correlate such recreational developments as each may plan, construct, or permit to be constructed, on lands within their respective jurisdictions, which, by mutual agreement, should be given special treatment for recreational purposes.

Sec. 2. In the administration of the Natchez Trace Parkway, the Secretary of the Interior may issue revocable licenses or permits for rights-of-way over, across, and upon parkway lands, or for the use of parkway lands by the owners or lessees of adjacent lands, for such purposes and under such nondiscriminatory terms, regulations, and conditions as he may determine to be not inconsistent with the use of such lands for parkway purposes.

Approved, May 18, 1938.

[CHAPTER 253]

AN ACT

May 18, 1938 [H. R. 10316] [Public, No. 531]

Merchant Marine Act, 1936, ment. amend-

49 Stat. 1987. 46 U. S. C., Supp. III, § 1113.

U.S. Shipping Board (Emergency) Merchant Fleet Corporation employees. Payments to, on account of leave earned in 1918-19 ap-

Release from liability to refund or repay. To amend section 203 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 203 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, is hereby amended by inserting "(a)" after "Sec. 203.", and by adding at the end of such section a subsection to read as follows:

"(b) All payments made by the United States Shipping Board (Emergency) Merchant Fleet Corporation to its employees in settlement of its liability arising out of contracts of employment between said United States Shipping Board (Emergency) Merchant Fleet Corporation and its employees on account of leave earned in the years 1918-1919 are hereby approved and confirmed. All persons to whom such payments were made are hereby released from any liability to refund or repay to the Government such payments, and no deductions on account of any such payments shall be made from any amounts otherwise due or payable out of Government funds to such persons."

Approved, May 18, 1938.

[CHAPTER 254]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize an appropriation for the expenses of participation by the United States in the Third Pan American Highway Conference.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$15,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the expenses of participation by the United States in the Third Pan American Highway Conference, to be held in Chile during the fiscal year 1939, including personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, without reference to the Classification Act of 1923, as amended; stenographic reporting, translating, and

May 20, 1938 [S. J. Res. 284]

[Pub. Res., No. 96]

Pan American Highway Conference, Third. Appropriation au-thorized for participa-

tion. Post, p. 1147.

other services, by contract if deemed necessary, without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (U.S.C., title 41, sec. 5); rent; traveling expenses; purchase of necessary books, documents, newspapers, and periodicals; official cards; printing and binding; entertainment; local transportation; and such other expenses as may be authorized by the Secretary of State, including the reimbursement of other appropriations from which payment may have been made for any of the purposes herein specified.

Approved, May 20, 1938.

Contracts without advertising R. S. § 3709. 41 U. S. C. § 5.

Printing and bind-

Reimbursement of other appropriations.

[CHAPTER 255]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize and request the President of the United States to invite the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics to hold its Seventh General Assembly in the United States during the calendar year 1939, and to invite foreign governments to participate in that general assembly; and to authorize an appropriation to assist in meeting the expenses necessary for participation by the United States in the meeting.

May 20, 1938 [S. J. Res. 285] [Pub. Res., No. 97]

International Union of Geodesy and Geo-

Invitation to hold

Appropriation authorized.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and is hereby, authorized and requested to invite the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics to hold its Seventh General Assembly in the United States during the calendar year 1939, and to invite foreign governments to participate in that general assembly.

Seventh General As-sembly in United States; participation foreign governments.

physics.

Sec. 2. That the sum of \$5,000, or so much thereof as may be

Contracts without advertising R. S. § 3709. 41 U. S. C. § 5.

necessary, is hereby authorized to be appropriated for the expenses of organizing and holding the Seventh General Assembly of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics, including personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere without regard to the Classification Act of 1923, as amended; communication services; stenographic and other services by contract if deemed necessary without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (U.S. C., title 41, sec. 5); travel expenses; local transportation; hire of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles; rent in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; printing and binding; entertainment; official cards; purchase of newspapers and periodicals; necessary books and documents; stationery; membership badges; and such other expenses as may be actually and necessarily incurred by the Government of the United States by reason of observance of appropriate courtesies in connection therewith, and such other expenses as may be authorized by the Secretary of State, including the reimbursement of other appropriations from which payments have been made for any of the purposes herein specified.

Printing and binding.

Reimbursement of other appropriations.

Approved, May 20, 1938.

[CHAPTER 256]

AN ACT

Authorizing the Interstate Bridge Commission of the State of New York and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to reconstruct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Delaware River between points in the city of Port Jervis, Orange County, New York, and the Borough of Matamoras, Pike County, Pennsylvania.

May 21, 1938 [S. 3149] [Public, No. 532]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to facilitate interstate commerce, improve the Postal Service, and provide for military and other purposes, the Interstate Bridge Commission of the State of New York and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be, and is hereby, authorized to reconstruct, maintain, and

Delaware River Reconstruction, etc., of bridge across, Port Jervis, N. Y., to Borough of Matamoras, Pa., authorized.